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This is in response to applicants' request for deferral of examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(d) for a period of 36 months from the earliest filing date for which benefit is claimed.

The instant application is one of over 330 closely related "bulk filed" applications. These applications relate to different aspect of a common inventive concept. Applicant has petitioned for special treatment of these applications and stated that the subject matter contained therein is closely related (see petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182/1.83 in application 09/908,888). This petition has been granted and special provision have been put in place to handle the information disclosure statement in these bulk filed applications.

As of now, an Office Action has been sent out in the majority of these bulk filed applications. Furthermore, a considerable amount of work has been performed in consolidating these bulk filed applications and preparing them for action. In order to ensure efficient, consistent and quality examination, it is clear that these bulk filed application must be examined simultaneously where possible. Therefore, applicant's request under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(d) for deferral of examination is **DENIED**.

Applicant's Deposit Account No. 15-0030 has been charged a processing fee of \$130 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i). Since deferral of examination was denied, applicant was not charged the publication fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.18(d)

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